

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 1 and 3-21. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

It is acknowledged that claims 2-5, 11, and 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

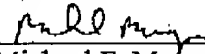
35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 6-10, 12-14, and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,852,120 to Bederke et al.

The subject matter from allowable claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 6-10, 12-14, and 18-21 are not anticipated by and are patentable over United States Patent No. 5,852,120 to Bederke et al.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §102 and §103 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1 and 3-21. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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